

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The new claims presented with this amendment are copied from U. S. Patent No. 6,672,962, listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Claim 14 is similar to claim 1 of the '962 patent, and claim 15 is similar to claim 3 of the '962 patent. Claims 14 and 15 are broader than the claims of the '962 patent in that they do not limit the means that interacts with the screen to light based means. New claims 16-33 correspond to claims 5-8, 19-22, 26-30 and 41-44 of the '962 patent. It is contended that the newly presented claims as well as the previously presented claims are patentable to applicants.

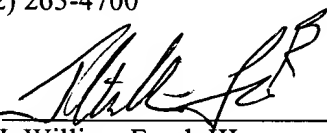
There is support for the above amendment to the present application based on the disclosure of FIG. 1 and the description on pages 3-8 of the specification plus the indication that the multidirectional control device 13 can be in any suitable ergonomic location. In a similar manner, switching button 14 can be in varied locations as well. Specifically, there is support for claim 14 and 15 in FIG. 1 showing pistol 1 with a gun barrel 11, a grip 10, and a trigger lever 12 to be operated by a player. The pistol 1 interacts with the display 3 to "determine the position of the projection of the shooting axis on the display system". (Page 6, lines 6-8). The controller 13 corresponds to the directional key and it is located at a rear portion of pistol 1 so that it can be operated by a player's thumb. Relative to claim 16, there is a description that the signals interact with the game system (page 6, lines 15-18). For claim 17, the directions are disclosed at page 6, line 23 to page 7, line 14. For claim 18 there is general disclosure of control of a game character or cursor. Claims 19 and 20 are supported by FIG. 1. Claim 21 is supported by the statement that button 14 can be placed in other locations. Claims 22, 23 and 24 are supported by Fig.1. Claim 25 is supported by the general disclosure of the game player plus page 8, lines 1-3, Claim 26. Claims 26 to 32 are supported as discussed above plus the general description of the game player in the specification. Claim 33 is supported by page 6, lines 14-17.

As indicated in the attached statement under Rule 1.608(a), the effective filing date of the present application in the US is June 15, 1999 and the effective date of the '962 patent is May 13, 1999. Applicants believe that they invented the invention as claimed in this application prior to the date of invention of the inventors of the '962 patent.

Entry of the above amendment and a declaration of an interference with the '962 patent is respectfully requested.

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